

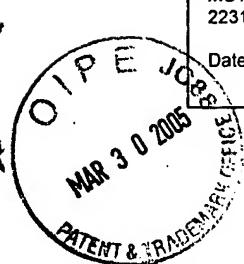
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, which sets forth a restriction requirement for pending claims 1-21 in the above-identified application, for which a response was due on January 28, 2005. Accordingly, a Petition for a two (2) month extension of time is included herewith, extending the time for response to March 28, 2005. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

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